1640 TFW

AUG 2 3 2004 U

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

ey Kumberly K. Bures Date August 18, 2004

PATENT APPLICATION IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	Janet M. Hock et al.)	
Serial No.	:	09/647,278))) Group Art Unit:) 1646	•,
Filed	:	September 26, 2000		
For	:	Method of Increasing Bone Toughness And Stiffness and Reducing Fractures)) Examiner:) R. Li	
Docket No.	:	X-11965)	

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

This paper provides information suggested during an interview with the Examiner and his supervisors on August 10, 2004, and responds to the Office Action of February 25, 2004.

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.